

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

**Title of Publication:** Maple Colors

**Other Known Title:** Not Stated

**Format:** DVD

**Director/Author:** Ryou Kanda

**Producer/Publisher:** Taketo Waterai

**Country of Origin:** Japan

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.

**Distributor:** Siren Visual Entertainment

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive Note:** Not Applicable

**Display Conditions:** Not Applicable

**Date of entry in Register:** 09 November 2007

**Date of direction to issue a label:** Not Applicable

**OFLC No:** 702600

**Unexcised version of publication:**

	Components	Running time
<b>Menu:</b>	Play All Episode 1 Episode 2 Extras Setups	

<b>Timed components:</b>	Siren Visual Notice	0.06
	Maple Colors Episode 1	31.00
	Maple Colors Episode 2	29.09
	Maple Colors (US Trailer)	0.42
	Slide Show	0.42
	Deleted Scenes	1.21
	Little Monica	0.45
	Endless Serenade	1.07
	Dragon Pink	1.04
<b>Total running time:</b>		65.56

**Excisions:** No Excisions Recommended

**Reasons for excisions:**

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons  
for classification:**

The publication entitled *Maple Colors* is classified as:  
Objectionable.

The publication is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The publication involves two episodes of an anime series explicitly depicting sexual activity of a casual nature between various male and female students at a high school or "academy". There are also one or two scenes in which younger students engage in sexual activity with senior students or teachers in scenes that present as exploitative given their positions of authority. Most of the characters are presented in clothing that a New Zealand audience would construe to be high school uniforms and classrooms contain students of varying sizes and ages, some appearing to be teenagers and some adolescents. The voices of female characters are high and piping and their attitudes and mannerisms are often childlike. Collectively they look like high school students in a high school setting. The effect of this, especially when combined with the publications presentation of animated explicit sex, is to encourage viewers to regard young persons in the feature (and, by extension, young persons in general) as sexually attractive and available partners for real adults. The publication therefore promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the Bill of Rights on the application of the classification criteria. The classification interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is a reasonable limitation and consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote or support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes are deemed to be objectionable.